

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 and 19-35 were indicated as being allowable and the remaining claims, claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being omnibus claims.

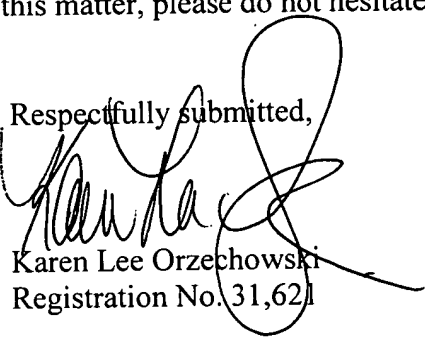
Accordingly, claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled in the foregoing amendments, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.

Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement listing those references cited in a prior art search conducted on behalf of the applicant and in the prosecution of corresponding foreign applications. None of these references are believed relevant to the present claims, but are being cited for completeness of the record. This is shown by the United Kingdom and the European Patent Offices grant of substantially identical claims after consideration of the references cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

With the acknowledgement of receipt of the priority documents, and the foregoing amendments, the present application is in condition for allowance and early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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